

California Humanities' 2022 Impact Report highlights our many efforts to connect the people of California through the public humanities over the past year. This transitional period marked the return of more in-person programming while maintaining flexible and accessible virtual offerings, we hosted a national in-person conference, and launched a new education-focused program.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

California Documentary Project

We made 16 new grants to film, audio, and interactive media productions that bring a diverse range of California stories to life. We celebrated the local, statewide, and national premieres of several CDP projects, and presented multiple film screenings on campuses and at cultural centers across the state.

CDP NextGen

Our program for mediamakers under age 18 supported 10 new youth media productions that tell stories through filmmaking and podcasting, while actively supporting the development of media literacy and critical thinking skills.

Emerging Journalist Fellowships

We grew the number of community colleges served by our 2022 fellowship program, providing 10 colleges and 40 students financial support, enhanced journalism training, and opportunities to conduct in-depth reporting projects on subjects of importance to their communities.

Literature & Medicine

A shift to hybrid and virtual sessions inspired our site facilitators to innovate this reading and discussion program in thoughtful ways through virtual speaker visits and increased flexibility for healthcare participants.

Humanities for All Project Grants

From Shasta to San Diego, this larger-scale humanities program continued expanding our community reach, and in 2022 brought new organizations into our extended family of grantees.

Humanities for All Quick Grants

This program remained a quick and accessible funding opportunity for programmers creating smaller-scale community-focused public humanities programs, with more than half submitting as first-time applicants.

Civics + Humanities Middle Grades Grants

The launch of two new grants for educators seeking to plan or implement civics and humanities projects with middle grades students marked a new milestone for California Humanities in empowering youth in their neighborhoods and classrooms.

Library Innovation Lab

Through immersive "learn by doing" professional development experiences, the 2022 cohort across nine California public libraries celebrated immigrant communities and their contributions to the state's cultural heritage mosaic.

Total \$ awarded in 2022

\$1,442,473

Total grants made 2022 : **118**

55

Total hosted events

Total attendees

3,293

8-year trend in total grant \$ awards (2015-2022)

46.9%
increase

8-year total \$ awarded (2015-2022)

\$13.1M

(total awards: 1,203)

HAPPENINGS

State Investment

A \$2 million allocation in 2021 from the State of California through the California State Library, spread over two years, enabled us to increase our annual grantmaking and expand programs, thanks to our champions, State Senator Ben Allen and former Assemblyman and current Attorney General Rob Bonta.

National Humanities Conference 2022

California Humanities proudly hosted the National Humanities Conference in Los Angeles, welcoming the largest attendee group ever for this annual conference for our state humanities and academic humanities colleagues, in partnership with the Federation of State Humanities Councils and the National Humanities Alliance.

In the Banlieues/Centering the Margin: Oakland/Saint Denis

Our international exhibition, co-produced with Villa Albertine San Francisco, highlights the role of arts and humanities in helping to build more equitable cities. It was exhibited in France (Paris and Saint-Denis) and in the Bay Area (SPUR San Francisco and Oakstop, Oakland) reaching over 32,500 people.

Tools of the Trade

This initiative drew on the knowledge of our grantees and partners to deliver three online sessions for public humanities programmers: Reaching New & Underrepresented Audiences, Best Practices for Increasing Accessibility, and Working with Humanities Advisors aimed at rebuilding capacity in the wake of the pandemic.

California on the Ballot (Season 2)

Since the 1950s, California has made enormous improvements to the ease of its voting and voter registration processes, but barriers to voting persist. This online series hosted five forums with speakers from incarcerated, indigenous, and immigrant groups in California.

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